

# Shrewsbury Public Library

## News and Events

I have very good news to report in this issue of the newsletter. On July 7, 2005 we received word that our community was approved for a state construction grant of \$3,447,211 for the proposed renovation and expansion of the library building. We've learned that we are number 7 on the waiting list of 25 communities which are slated to receive eventual state funding. This is good news indeed. It is one more positive step towards resolving the space and building problems in the current building.

I wish to publicly acknowledge the efforts of various individuals and agencies who worked on the state grant application. First, I wish to thank Assistant Director George Brown who served as Acting Director before my appointment. Besides ably fulfilling the responsibilities of Library Director during that five month period, George completed the lengthy and complex grant application to the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Grant Program. Our high position on the waiting list is evidence of George's great work. Thank you also to former Library Director Bonnie O'Brien for her commitment to the project, even as she was preparing for retirement. I also wish to acknowledge the dedication and determination of the Library Board of Trustees, especially Trustee Chair George Strom. Their vision for an improved library has been unwavering. Special thanks also go to town officials and departments that so generously supported the grant application activities. Town Manager Dan Morgado and his office provided sound advice and guidance, as well as strategic support of the application process. The Engineering Department and SELCO provided technical advice and numerous studies and documents. And the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen gave thoughtful consideration of the grant opportunity and helped move the process forward.

While this step is exciting and provides great hope it is important to remember that the grant awards are dependent on other future actions. What lies ahead is much work *and* much waiting. The waiting will be focused on activities to take place at the state level. The first step is waiting for the state legislature to approve sufficient funds to cover all the communities on the waiting list. The legislature is currently considering a capital bond bill in the amount of \$75 million, which would fund all the projects on the state waiting list. We

are fortunate to have two active and strong legislators who support the grant program. Both Senator Edward Augustus and Representative Karyn Polito have been very supportive of our efforts, and we can be confident they will continue to champion our cause.

Even after the legislature approves the bond bill, there will be more waiting ahead. Whatever funds are approved by the legislature will likely be released over a period of years. This release schedule will be determined by the Governor's Office of Administration and Finance. Our best estimate is that funding might become available in two or three years.

But the work is not complete there. We would then have six months to secure the funding of the local portion of the project. If the community chose to move forward with the project, we would then have nine months to put the project out to bid and sign a contract with a general contractor.

Many library patrons have asked when construction will begin. That enthusiasm is wonderful (and luckily contagious), but we are careful to explain about the waiting periods and the need to secure the local portion of the project.

Tempering the frustration of this waiting period is the fact that we have plenty to keep us busy. The Board of Trustees, the Library staff, the Friends of the library and I all have much to do during this waiting period. We need to better inform the community about the needs for the project and the proposed design. We need to address parking issues, and our fund raising committee will be working on a campaign to raise money to support the project. So, while waiting and uncertainty is hard, there is much to engage us.

If you have any questions about the project or are interested in helping in some way, please contact me at 508-842-0081 or [edolan@th.ci.shrewsbury.ma.us](mailto:edolan@th.ci.shrewsbury.ma.us). I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Dolan  
Library Director

# Kids Programs

Summer vacation is over; welcome back to the library! Join us on Saturday, September 17 at 10:30 am when Susan Paino presents "Creative Dance Theater". Children in the audience will explore dance, drama, and music by actively participating in creative movement and drama activities, as well as acting out original story dances. Appropriate for ages 2 ½ years old and up. Tickets are free but will be necessary. Tickets are available beginning Sept. 1.

## Fall Story Times

### Baby and Me Story time

(Ages birth to 2 ½ years old)

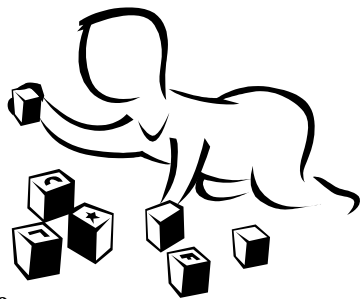
A 30 minute program of stories, finger plays, songs, and movement designed for children ages birth to 2 ½ with an accompanying adult. Siblings welcome.

Session 1 - Tuesdays, Sept. 20 – Oct. 11 at 10 am  
Space is limited.

Lottery will be held Sept 6 -13

Session 2 – Tuesdays, Nov. 1 – 22 at 10 am  
Space is limited.

Lottery will be held Oct. 24 - 28



### Craft and a Movie

Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 2 pm

For children in Grades K - 4. Trying to think of something to do on your day off from school? Come to the library and be creative! Then relax and watch the movie "Because of Winn Dixie". Please register for craft beginning Sept. 20.

### The Big Boo!

Tuesday, October 25 at 4 – 5 pm. For children ages 3 ½ and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come in your costume and trick or treat around the Library. Listen to scary stories! Registration is required and will begin Tuesday, Oct. 11 in the Children's Room or by calling 508-842-0081 x4.

### Lunch Bunch Story time (all ages)

Thursdays, Oct. 13 at 11 am

Bring your lunch and a blanket and "explore" some new stories. A special guest will be visiting and some other surprises sponsored by radio station, "Oldies 103.3". No registration is necessary.

### Tales for Two's and Three's (Ages 2 ½ - 3 ½)

Thursdays, Dec. 1 – Dec. 22 at 10 am

No registration necessary. Come listen to stories and sing some songs. Children must attend with an adult.

### Preschool Story time (Ages 3 ½ -6 years old)

Thursdays, Oct. 20 – November 10 at 10 am

No registration necessary. Come listen to stories and sing some songs. Children may attend alone while adult relaxes in the library.

### History and Mystery

October 12 6:30 – 7:30 pm

There are some questions from history that have never been answered. Come and hear some of them. Can you come up with your own answers? Registration begins September 28

### October is Archaeology Month

Join our *Archaeology Club* to celebrate! Some of our activities will include: "Watch it Rot", "Communication in a Cave", and "The Present is the Future".

Mondays, October 3, 17, 24

6-7 pm

Registration begins September 19

# Young Adult Happenings

*ALL Young Adult Programs are for students in **grades 5-12** unless otherwise noted. To encourage participation in Young Adult programs, these programs are limited to students in grades 5-12. Older/Younger children **WILL NOT** be admitted. Thank you for your cooperation.*

## TAGS

### Recruitment meeting

Friday, September 9 at 4 pm

Join the Teen Advisory Group as we plan new programs and select materials for the library. And eat, of course. Fill out an application form available at the Library or online at <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library/eventsya.asp> and come to our next meeting!

## From Paper to Film:

### A Comics Film Festival

9/10 Hellboy rated PG-13 by the MPAA followed by

The Phantom rated PG by the MPAA

9/17 Mystery Men rated PG-13 by the MPAA followed by

Superman rated PG by the MPAA

Movies start at 10 am

Border's Bookstore in Shrewsbury has asked YOU, the teens of Shrewsbury, to pick the books that you want to see as movies! Here's what to do:

1. Select a young adult book and read it.
2. See Sarah at the library for an official review form.
3. Think about the book you read. Why did you like it? Why do you think it would make a good movie?
4. Write out your review along with your name, grade and school.
5. Return the form to Sarah and stop by Border's in Shrewsbury to check out the display!

## Teen Read Week is October 16-22

### Get Reel @ Your Library

Every Saturday morning in October at 10 am

Come watch your favorite books on the BIG SCREEN!

Suggest books you'd like to see made into movies to a real film production studio!

See what's new in film adaptations!

10/1 Holes rated PG by the MPAA

10/8 Friday Night Lights rated PG-13 by the MPAA

10/15 Sahara rated PG-13 by the MPAA

10/22 The Bourne Identity rated PG-13 by the MPAA

## Halloween Lock-In

Friday, October 28, from 4:30-11 pm.

In the library. **After dark.** Alone.

Well, not completely alone.

Join us for some spooky fun in the library after hours. Sign up is required and can be done at the Front Desk or by calling 508-842-0081 x3. This program is for students in **grades 6-8 ONLY**. Lock-In is limited to **25** participants and participants will need to have parent/guardian permission.

## Spirit of Shrewsbury Basket Raffle

Thanks to all who entered our Young Adult Basket Raffle! We made over \$600 for Young Adult Programming!! The raffle was such a HUGE success that we're going to do it again. Look for more baskets to be raffled off beginning Spirit of Shrewsbury weekend at the Oak Street Expo and in the library this fall! If you would like to donate a basket to our raffle, please email [ssogigia@cwmars.org](mailto:ssogigia@cwmars.org). All proceeds will benefit Young Adult Programming.

### **From the Keys to Your Health: Natural Methods for Improving Health**

These two holistic health programs will be conducted by Dr. Stephen Nault, of Nault Chiropractic of Worcester.

### **Stress: How Physical, Chemical and Emotional Stress Affects Health**

September 20 7 - 8:30 pm

Dr. Nault will present ideas on how one can balance hormones naturally; relieve pain, and look and feel better.

### **Six Steps to Wellness**

October 25 7 - 8:30 pm

This second program on natural health will consider reestablishing structural integrity, the use of electromagnetics in health, and nutrition, allergies, negative emotions and toxin affects on overall health.

### **James Dean Film Festival**

September 14 East of Eden

September 21 Rebel Without a Cause

September 28 Giant

Relive James Dean's greatest roles as we mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death. Movies start at 10 am.

### **Knit Nights**

September 28 and October 26 7 pm

Knitters of all skill levels are invited to come knit together. Adults and teens both welcome. Bring your own supplies. All crafters with portable projects are welcome; please join us whether you crochet, needlepoint, or anything else!

### **Shrewsbury Genealogy Club**

September 26 and October 24 7:30 pm

### **Computer Classes are In Session**

There are so many classes scheduled that they won't fit here, please pick up a calendar at the Front Desk or check out our website for more information.

### **"Political Dance of Death" to the "General Dance": an Insight into Thomas Merton's Writings on War.**

October 19 7 pm

Dr. John P. Collins will share with us excerpts from the "Cold War Letters" and short readings from censored essays that have been just recently published.

### **Bookgroups are back and better than ever!**

Join the Eclectic Browsers for chats on a wide variety of books from biography to fiction to humor! Join the Pageturners for a trip through the *History of the Mystery* as we read great 20<sup>th</sup> century mysteries. Calendars and more information are available at the front desk of the Library.

### **Eclectic Browsers**

September 29 10:30 am

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

October 27 10:30 am

There's a Porcupine in My Outhouse

by Michael Tougias

### **Pageturners Mystery Book Group**

September 8 10:30 am

The Thirty-nine Steps by John Buchan

October 6 10:30 am

The Mysterious Affair at Styles by Agatha Christie

### **Science Fiction Book Chats**

September 7 7 pm

Star Wars: A New Hope by George Lucas

October 5 7 pm

Batman, the Dark Knight Returns by Frank Miller

Participants are welcome to bring their own refreshments